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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2007

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated November 26, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring February 26, 2008. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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